

1 CLAIM LISTING

- 2 1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm, the method  
3 including the steps of:
- 4 (a) assembling a number of trigger group components in a trigger group module;  
5 (b) separating an upper receiver from the firearm to expose a trigger group receiving  
6 opening in a lower receiver of the firearm;  
7 (c) inserting the trigger group module into the lower receiver through the trigger  
8 group receiving opening; and  
9 (d) reconnecting the upper receiver to the lower receiver while the trigger group  
10 module remains inserted in the lower receiver.  
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- 12 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further including the step of retaining the trigger group  
13 module in the lower receiver with one or more retaining devices prior to reconnecting the  
14 upper receiver to the lower receiver.  
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- 16 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of retaining the trigger  
17 group module in the operating position lower receiver includes the step of supporting the  
18 trigger group module from a pin receptacle in the lower receiver.  
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- 20 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of supporting the trigger group module  
21 from the pin receptacle in the lower receiver includes inserting a pin through the pin  
22 receptacle and through a pin receiver in the trigger group module.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of supporting the trigger group module  
2 from the pin receptacle in the lower receiver includes inserting a pin through the pin  
3 receptacle and through a module pin opening included in the trigger group module.  
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5 6. (Previously Presented) A method of assembling a firearm having a frame made up of an  
6 upper receiver and a lower receiver, the method including the steps of:

7 (a) assembling a number of trigger group components in a module housing to produce  
8 a pre-assembled trigger group module;

9 (b) placing the pre-assembled trigger group module in an operating position in the  
10 lower receiver; and

11 (c) securing the upper receiver to the lower receiver to enclose the module housing in  
12 the firearm.  
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14 7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further including the step of securing the pre-assembled  
15 trigger group module in the operating position in the lower receiver prior to securing the  
16 upper receiver to the lower receiver.  
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18 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger  
19 group module in the operating position includes securing the trigger group module in the  
20 operating position through pin receptacle openings formed in opposing side walls of the  
21 lower receiver.

- 1 9. (Original) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm, the method including the  
2 steps of:
- 3 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group  
4 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group  
5 component;
- 6 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group  
7 component with respect to the firearm;
- 8 (c) inserting a trigger group module to an operating position in the firearm, the trigger  
9 group module including a trigger group housing and a number of replacement  
10 trigger group components; and
- 11 (d) securing the trigger group module in the operating position through pin receptacle  
12 openings that supported either the first OEM trigger group pin or the second OEM  
13 trigger group pin.
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- 15 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module  
16 in the operating position includes securing the trigger group module through pin  
17 receptacle openings that supported the first OEM trigger group pin and through pin  
18 receptacle openings that supported the second OEM trigger group pin.
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- 20 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of securing the trigger  
21 group module in the operating position includes inserting a first pin through a first pin  
22 receiver of the trigger group housing.
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12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in the operating position includes inserting a second pin through a second pin receiver of the trigger group housing.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9 further including the step of removing an upper receiver from the firearm to expose an upper opening in a lower receiver of the firearm and wherein the step of inserting the trigger group module to the operating position includes inserting the trigger group module through the upper opening in the lower receiver.

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23. (New) The method of claim 1 further including:

- (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group component;
- (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group component with respect to the firearm; and
- (c) securing the trigger group module in the lower receiver through pin receptacle openings that supported either the first OEM trigger group pin or the second OEM trigger group pin.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in the lower receiver includes securing the trigger group module through pin receptacle

1 openings that supported the first OEM trigger group pin and through pin receptacle

2 openings that supported the second OEM trigger group pin.

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4 25. (New) The method of claim 23 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in  
5 the lower receiver includes inserting a first pin through a first pin receiver of a trigger  
6 group housing included in the trigger group module.

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8 26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the step of securing the trigger group module in  
9 the lower receiver includes inserting a second pin through a second pin receiver of the  
10 trigger group housing.

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12 27. (New) The method of claim 6 further including:

- 13 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group  
14 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group  
15 component;  
16 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group  
17 component with respect to the firearm; and  
18 (c) securing the pre-assembled trigger group module in the operating position through  
19 pin receptacle openings that supported either the first OEM trigger group pin or  
20 the second OEM trigger group pin.

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22 28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger  
23 group module in the operating position includes securing the pre-assembled trigger group

1 module through pin receptacle openings that supported the first OEM trigger group pin  
2 and through pin receptacle openings that supported the second OEM trigger group pin.  
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4 29. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger  
5 group module in the operating position includes inserting a first pin through a first pin  
6 receiver of the module housing.  
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8 30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the step of securing the pre-assembled trigger  
9 group module in the operating position includes inserting a second pin through a second  
10 pin receiver of the trigger group housing.  
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12 31. (New) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm, the method including:

- 13 (a) separating an upper receiver from the firearm to expose a trigger group receiving  
14 opening in a lower receiver of the firearm;
- 15 (b) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group  
16 component with respect to the firearm and with respect to a second trigger group  
17 component;
- 18 (c) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group  
19 component with respect to the firearm;
- 20 (d) assembling a number of trigger group components in a trigger group module;  
21 (e) inserting the trigger group module into the lower receiver through the trigger  
22 group receiving opening;

- 1 (f) securing the trigger group module in an operating position in the lower receiver  
2 through pin receptacle openings in the lower receiver that supported either the  
3 first OEM trigger group pin or the second OEM trigger group pin; and  
4 (g) reconnecting the upper receiver to the lower receiver while the trigger group  
5 module remains in the operating position in the lower receiver.  
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7 32. (New) A method of installing a trigger group in a firearm having a frame made up of an  
8 upper receiver and a lower receiver, the method including:

- 9 (a) removing a first OEM trigger group pin to release a first OEM trigger group  
10 component with respect to the lower receiver and with respect to a second trigger  
11 group component;  
12 (b) removing a second OEM trigger group pin to release the second trigger group  
13 component with respect to the lower receiver;  
14 (c) assembling a number of trigger group components in a module housing to produce  
15 a trigger group module;  
16 (d) placing the trigger group module in an operating position in the lower receiver;  
17 and  
18 (e) securing the upper receiver to the lower receiver to enclose the trigger group  
19 module in the firearm.